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Masanori ONUMA, et al.

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For: **METHOD OF CONNECTING WIRE AND TERMINAL FITTING**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over newly applied reference Swengel, Sr. et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,656,092) in view of Applicant's Prior Art (APA). Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swengel and the APA in view of Newman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,624,287).

With regard to claim 1, the Examiner asserts that the newly applied reference, Swengel, teaches every feature except for ultrasonic welding. The Examiner further asserts that the APA